

MINUTES

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

10:00 a.m.

RUTLEDGE STATE OFFICE BUILDING

BASEMENT CONFERENCE ROOM

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Joe Isaac, Chair

John Tindal, Chair-Elect

Inez M. Tenenbaum

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

I. WELCOME/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Isaac brought the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Chair Isaac announced that the State Department had lost a very dear friend in Mr. Charlie Dickerson and requested a moment of silence in his memory. He then asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education members were in attendance: Joe Isaac, Chair; John Tindal, Chair-Elect; Ms. Rebecca Burch; Mr. Jessie R. Curtis; Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard; Mr. Mike Forrester; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. Charles McKinney; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Mrs. Patsy Pye; Mr. Al Simpson; Mrs. Terrye Seckinger; Ms. Diane Sumpter; Mr. Ron Wilson; and Dr. Kristi Woodall. Absent were Dr. Danny Varat and Mrs. Virginia Wilson. State Superintendent of Education Inez Tenenbaum and staff were also in attendance.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 8, 2006, MEETING

Mr. Ron Wilson moved for approval of the minutes for the November 8, 2006, meeting. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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| III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 12 AND 13, 2006 |
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Mr. Ron Wilson moved for the approval of the State Board agenda for the December 12 and 13, 2006, meeting. Mr. Mike Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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| IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA |
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Chair Isaac stated that Ms. Rebecca Burch and Dr. Kristi Woodall will be leaving the Board and their replacements have been appointed. He recognized Dr. Britt Blackwell, who will be replacing Dr. Woodall and asked him to stand. He announced that Mr. Hampton Hubbard would be replacing Ms. Burch.

He asked any other visitors present to stand and be recognized. Chair Isaac recognized Mr. Bill Robinson from *The State* newspaper.

Chair Isaac then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Tenenbaum.

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| V. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT |
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Mrs. Tenenbaum read a resolution and asked that the Board adopt this resolution in honor of Mr. Charles Dickerson, who died Saturday, December 9, 2006. Mr. Dickerson was the Chairman and CEO of R. L. Bryan Company. R. L. Bryan has served as the state's textbook depository for generations. Mr. Dickerson's role in education was well known. Mr. Mike Forrester made a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Tenenbaum stated that the Milken National Educator Awards were created and were dubbed the "Oscars of Teaching" by *Teacher Magazine*. The Awards were created in 1985 to reward, retain, and attract top professionals to the nation's schools. There were two South Carolina educators who became members of this elite group.

Mrs. Tenenbaum recognized and presented Ms. LaTonya Durant from St. James-Gaillard Elementary School, Orangeburg Consolidated District Three, with an award. Mrs. Durant works with members of the staff analyzing test scores to chart each student's areas of academic strength and weakness. She is a member of the District's ELITE and ACE teacher initiatives. Educators in these programs are recognized for their talent and achievement. A member of the School Improvement Council and the Parent/Teacher organization, she is a lifelong member of the community in which she works. Patsy Pye is the State Board member.

Mrs. Tenenbaum then recognized and presented Ms. Regina Urueta from Tigerville Elementary School, Greenville County School District, with an award. Ms. Urueta is the youngest person in Greenville County to ever become a principal. She has gained a reputation as a "teacher's principal" and is passionate about early childhood education. She piloted a fitness and nutrition curriculum for students and staff called Zest Quest. Fluent in Spanish, Regina has made a tremendous effort to reach out to the growing Hispanic population. Dr. Danny Varat is the State Board member.

This year's recipients are elementary educators and next year's recipients will be secondary educators.

Mrs. Tenenbaum announced that Ms. Cindy Saylor was retiring and this would be her last board meeting. Mrs. Tenenbaum wished her happiness in the years ahead. Mrs. Tenenbaum then announced that Dr. Theresa Siskind would be the Interim Deputy Superintendent for the Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment. Mrs. Tenenbaum also introduced Mr. Mark Bounds, the new Deputy Superintendent for the Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, replacing Dr. Janice Poda, who left the Department several months ago.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Isaac stated there was no one signed up for public comment.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

The State Board of Education (Board) held a public hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday.

The public hearing was brought to order by Chair Isaac. The following regulations were presented to the Board for promulgation.

01. Promulgate Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (Supp. 2005), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties, and Workloads (Second Reading)

Janet Perry, Education Associate, Office of School Quality, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented the item. Ms. Perry stated that as a result of the EEDA, the position and qualifications for a career specialist were added to the section for grades six through eight. The qualifications for the career specialist were also aligned with the EEDA in grades six through twelve (the position now requires specialized training and certification).

The student-to-guidance services ratio reduction mandated by the EEDA is supported by proposed amendments to this regulation. When the ratios specified in the EEDA are achieved in 2012 through the EEDA funding, the personnel workloads for guidance services can be amended.

The student-teacher ratios for cross-categorical self-contained special education classes (i.e., the comingling of students with disabilities) were added to this regulation. Heretofore student-teacher ratios for comingled classes were required to be specified in an innovative-approach application that was approved by the State Department Education. Comingling students with disabilities is no longer considered an innovative approach. This action is congruent with federal and state statutes and regulations.

For second reading, under Section II(B)(4)(e) and Section IV(B)(4)(e) the word "continuous" was deleted and the word "maximum" was restored for clarification. Under Section III(B)(4)(e) the word "continuous" was deleted.

Ms. Perry stated that the State Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education promulgate amendments to R 43-205 (Supp. 2005), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualification, Duties and Workloads, as presented, for second reading.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the Board promulgate the amendments to 24 S. C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-205 (Supp 2005), Administrative and Professional Personnel Qualifications, Duties, and Workloads for second Reading as recommended by the Department. Mrs. Terry Seckinger seconded the motion.

Mrs. Maguire asked for clarification on the word continuous, does it mean at one time or throughout the school year. Ms. Perry explained that the caseload itself is the number of students the teacher is "assigned" at one time.

There were no public comments.

There being no further discussion Chair Isaac called for the vote. The motion carried.

02. Promulgate Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-234 (Supp. 2005), Defined Program, Grades 9–12 (Second Reading)

Lucinda Saylor, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this regulation. She stated that this regulation was being presented to the Board for second reading. This regulation merges together two regulations, R 43-259, Graduation Requirements and R 43-234, Defined Programs, into one regulation. It also incorporated the language of EEDA as the umbrella and brings in suggestions and recommendations from the High School Redesign Commission. There have been several changes made since first reading as requested by the Board.

- The first change found under Section I(B) adds the following sentence for clarification. "(For specific regulations regarding end-of-course tests, see R 43-262.4, End-of-Course Tests.)."
- The second change is found under Section II(D), the last sentence in the paragraph references the regulation that governs end-of-course tests.
- Also under H(2), the Board requested that language be added about release time for religious instruction. The sentence "No more than two units may be awarded to a student for released-time classes in religious instruction." has been added.
- A sentence was added to Section E(1)(a) to ensure that students whether they are on a diploma track or not, would be tested in high school science for NCLB purposes.

Ms. Saylor stated that this overview addresses the changes that have been made since first reading. The State Department of Education (Department) recommends that the State Board of Education promulgate amendments to R 43-234, Defined Program, Grades 9–12 (Supp. 2005) for second reading.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to promulgate amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-234 (Supp. 2005), Defined Program, Grades 9-12 for second reading, as recommended by the Department. Mr. Ben Mitchell seconded the motion.

Dr. Kristi Woodall made a motion to amend Section I(C) after the first sentence to say "The proposed required course will be biology. Physical Science will remain the required and tested course in 2006–07 transition year to require biology instruction and seek federal approval for its replacing Physical Science in 2007–08. Biology will replace Physical Science upon approval at the federal level. The anticipated implementation is 2008–09. Then under section V(A) Science, would like an asterisk will be placed beside physical science with the year 2008–09, and the asterisk will be removed from Applied Biology II." Mrs. Terrye Seckinger seconded the motion.

Mrs. Maguire asked Dr. Woodall if the purpose of the amendment was to require steps be made for biology to be the gateway course instead of physical science, or instead of allowing either one. Dr. Woodall stated this was correct.

Chair Isaac asked Ms. Saylor what would be the ramification, if we don't get federal approval. Ms. Saylor stated that we could lose funding.

Mrs. Seckinger asked Ms. Saylor that if we don't get federal approval for biology will it just revert back to physical science the way it is. Ms. Saylor stated that it would depend on what is done with regulation 43-262.4, End-of-Course Tests, that is at the General Assembly.

Mrs. Tenenbaum asked Ms. Saylor what was the cost of developing the new test. Ms. Saylor said that it was estimated at \$1.5 million.

Mrs. Tenenbaum stated that one of the issues brought up by Dr. Woodall was the number of students passing physical science. The exam was so difficult that there was not a high pass rate.

Ms. Saylor discussed the scale scores for both tests.

Mrs. Maguire stated that she would vote for this amendment, because after talking with health care providers she realized there is a lack of understanding of how our bodies work.

Mr. Forrester asked for clarification on the pass rate, biology versus physical science. Ms. Tenenbaum requested the percentage taking biology opposed to physical science.

Mr. Tindal asked for clarification on the statement made by Ms. Saylor about the possibility of losing federal funds. Ms. Saylor explained that when the state is not in compliance with federal law, the U.S. Department of Education can threaten to withhold federal funds.

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Ms. Sumpter asked if notification had been received previously stating they were taking federal funds; if so, what can be done to ensure it doesn't happen. Ms. Saylor stated that the sanctions are listed in federal regulation.

Mrs. Tenenbaum stated that what we are trying to demonstrate is that we have to simultaneously keep a valid physical science test updated and ready to use, while at the same time developing a biology test, so that when we stop giving physical science, we have biology in place. The State Department of Education wants to make sure that the Board understands the cost. Ms. Saylor reminded the Board that the reason for going down to one test was based on the testing task force report in 2005.

Mr. Tindal asked how much time we would need to develop the new biology test. Ms. Saylor stated a year and a half. Dr. Siskind stated that we would need to field test it in 2008, so we couldn't put anything into place until after that, so it would be at least a year and a half.

Dr. Woodall then restated that in the amendment she wanted to define the transition year because if it takes a year and a half, she wants to start that next year or as soon as possible to get that federal approval. It states that "Biology will replace Physical Science upon approval at the federal level" so there is no danger of losing federal funds.

There being no further discussion Chair Isaac called for the vote on the motion to amend made by Dr. Woodall. Chair Isaac asked Dr. Woodall to restate the amendment of her original motion. After discussion of the motion by the Board, Dr. Woodall amended her motion to read "The proposed required course will be biology. Physical Science will remain the required and tested course in 2006-07. The transition year to begin Biology instruction and seek federal approval for its replacing Physical Science is 2007-08. Biology will replace Physical Science upon approval at the federal level. The anticipated implementation is 2008-09. Under V(A) the required courses would have to be changed with the date pending federal approval." Mrs. Kristin Maguire seconded the motion.

Dr. Siskind responded to this motion stating that because a budget request had not been made for 2008, so we couldn't begin development next year. It was stated that we could request special funding. If we began development and had funding, we could pilot in 2008, but we would not have a test in place until 2009. We don't want to run the risk of not testing all students in 2008 and not be in compliance. Mrs. Tenenbaum asked what would be the last year to make the transition. Dr. Siskind stated that if we have funding in July of 2007, the last year would be 2008-09.

Dr. Woodall then restated the motion to say "The proposed required course will be biology. Physical Science will remain the required and tested course in 2006-07. The transition year to ~~begin Biology instruction~~ seek federal approval for its replacing Physical Science is 2007-08. Biology will replace Physical Science upon approval at the federal level. ~~The anticipated implementation is 2008-09.~~ Under V(A) the required courses would have to be changed with the date pending federal approval."

Dr. Siskind stated that we have to have a science test in place for federal purposes for 2007–08.

Ms. Kelly suggested that in the regulation the Board should leave out all transition dates, but say the Department will immediately begin development and seek approval of the biology End-of-Course test and upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education, Biology will take effect.

Dr. Woodall changed her motion to “The proposed required course will be biology. Physical Science will remain the required and tested course until biology assessment is approved by the U.S. Department of Education.” Mrs. Krisin Maguire seconded the motion.

Chair Isaac called for the question on the amendment. The amendment carried.

Chair Isaac then asked if there were any public comments on the regulation. There were none.

Chair then called for the vote on the original regulation with the amendment.

Mrs. Seckinger asked about sign language being inserted as a required unit for a foreign language. Ms. Saylor stated that it was required by law.

Dr. Woodall then asked about the required units under V(A). Ms. Stuckey stated it would be a good idea to state in the motion that if this does go through the “asterisk” be removed from Biology II. Therefore, the regulation would not have to come back to the Board for this change in the regulation.

Mrs. Maguire moved to amend the regulation with a footnote saying when Biology is approved by the U.S. Department of Education, the “asterisk” will be removed from Applied Biology II. Mrs. Seckinger seconded the motion. The motion now reads “The proposed required course will be biology. Physical Science will remain the required and tested course until biology assessment is approved by the U.S. Department of Education. If the Biology assessment is approved, the “asterisk” will be removed from Applied Biology II listed in Section V(A), Instructional Program, Science.”

Dr. Woodall stated that she would also like the amendment to say “when it is approved” not “if.” Mrs. Maguire agreed to the amendment. The motion then read “The proposed required course will be biology. Physical Science will remain the required and tested course until biology assessment is approved by the U.S. Department of Education. When the Biology assessment is approved, the “asterisk” will be removed from Applied Biology II listed in Section V(A), Instructional Program, Science.”

There being no further discussion Chair Isaac called for the vote on the amendment. The motion carried.

Chair Isaac then called for the vote on the original regulation as amended. The motion carried.

03. Promulgate New Regulation to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-274.1 (to be codified at Supp. 2007), At-Risk Students (Second Reading)—

Mr. Wofford O'Sullivan, Education Associate, Office of Career and Technology Education, Division of District and Community Services, presented this regulation. Mr. O'Sullivan stated there was no input received from the field. In addition to the two recommendations by the Board from first reading the following amendments were made to the regulation. First under Section II(A) Poor academic performance, the following sentence was added "Careful consideration should be given to students demonstrating declining academic performance." Under section IV(F), the following wording should be deleted from the last part of the sentence "and for use on district and school report cards." The Department is also asking the Board under Section V(A)(1) in parenthesis (where appropriate and based on the particular model, initiative, or model) the last word "model" should be replaced with the word "program." This amendment would make the wording consistent throughout the regulation.

Mrs. Maguire moved to promulgate new regulation to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-274.1 (to be codified at Supp. 2007), At-Risk Students for second reading and to approve the amendment to Section V(A)(1) for the second word "model" to be changed to program. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion.

Ms. Sumpter asked about earlier intervention. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that this regulation was based on the language in S.C Code Ann. Section 59-59-150, regulations for identifying at-risk students; model programs was focused on high schools, grades 9–12. The Department is including, as part of the implementation guide, quite a bit of information and materials directing instructors and school leadership to consider coordinated efforts K-12 addressing the needs of students who are not fully prepared to go to the next level of education, or are in danger of dropping out of school.

Ms. Sumpter asked if this will really make a difference if that decision begins earlier. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that it will.

Mrs. Seckinger asked if the Department of Juvenile Justice was involved in this. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that they were and had been involved in the meetings.

There being no further discussion Chair Isaac called for the vote. The motion carried.

04. Promulgate Amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-600 (Supp. 2005), Charter School Appeals (Second Reading)

Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented this item. She stated that there was no public comment received on this regulation. The change requested by the Board from the last meeting is

included in the regulation. The change is found under Section IV(A), the Board asked that the word “believes” be changed to “information” in the sentence.

The State Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve this regulation as amended.

Mrs. Maguire moved that we promulgate amendments to 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-600 (Supp. 2005), Charter School Appeals for second reading as presented by the Department. Mr. Mike Forrester seconded the motion.

Mr. McKinney stated that he would like to propose an amendment. Under Section I(D), Scope of Review, “The State Board of Education’s review will be limited to the record on appeal. The State Board of Education will not consider any fact that does not appear in the Record on Appeal.” Then under Section I(G), Hearing of Appeals, second paragraph, second sentence, “The State Board of Education, at its discretion, may allow public comments addressing the issues on appeal at the public hearing.” He asked that this statement be deleted from the regulation. His reason being that at an earlier public hearing at the public comment what was said had a direct bearing on a decision.

Mrs. Seckinger stated that she agreed with Mr. McKinney’s assessment because as an appellant body we are not to consider material outside of the appeal material and no appellant body has public comment that would influence the decision.

Mrs. Maguire made a motion to strike from Section I(G) Hearing of Appeals, the sentence “The State Board of Education, at its discretion, may allow public comments addressing the issues on appeal at the public hearing.” Mr. McKinney seconded the motion.

Mrs. Maguire asked Ms. Kelly and Ms. Stuckey if proper procedures were followed. Ms. Kelly stated that the law requires that there be a public hearing, but a public hearing could be a public meeting. When the regulation was drafted in 1996, we tried to model it after the Administrative Procedures Act. You normally don’t have public comment at an appellant hearing, so as long as the meeting is open to the public it is okay. Ms. Kelly cautioned the Board that she did not think it would be able to stop someone from speaking during the public comment period.

Mr. Forrester stated that he did not see where you could prevent this.

Mr. Isaac stated that he agreed. He stated that this allows the person to speak at the time of the hearing. If we remove this sentence, then they would be allowed to speak at the beginning of the Board meeting in the public comment period.

Ms. Kelly stated that one benefit of not having them speak at a public hearing is that it does not become part of the record on appeal. She stated that we could amend the *Rules of Governance* under public comment that a speaker can’t speak on a pending issue.

Mrs. Tenenbaum stated that you would still be having a public hearing. Ms. Kelly stated that there would have to be a public hearing. Mrs. Tenenbaum stated that the connotation of a public hearing was that people would be able to speak.

Ms. Stuckey stated that in the regulation that it does say "at it's discretion", so you can say at the beginning of the charter school hearing "there will be no public comment period." This was put in case there was some question that the Board, in its discretion, may want to hear public comment. This would give you that opportunity.

Mr. Wilson stated that he opposed this amendment. He does not like limiting a debate or` discussion.

Mr. Tindal stated that he thinks the Board should allow this and he will be voting against the amendment.

Chair Isaac called for the question. He then called for a vote on the motion to amend the regulation to strike the sentence. Mrs. Seckinger requested a roll-call vote. The motion failed with a vote of 10 to 4.

In Favor

1. Charles McKinney
2. Terrye Seckinger
3. Al Simpson
4. Kristi Woodall

Total 4

Against

1. Rebecca Burch
2. Jessie Curtis
3. Trip DuBard
4. Mike Forrester
5. Kristin Maguire
6. Ben Mitchell
7. Patsy Pye
8. Diane Sumpter
9. John Tindal
10. Mr. Ron Wilson

Total 10

1. Chair Isaac did not vote
2. Danny Varat was absent
3. Virginia Wilson was absent

Mr. McKinney made a motion to amend Section II(G), Hearing of Appeals. He requested that the wording in the sentence stating that "arguments and testimony "will not" be permitted" be changed to "to" be permitted. Ms. Diane Sumpter seconded the motion.

Mr. McKinney stated that if we are going to allow the public to speak when a charter school appeals from a local school district, why can't we allow oral arguments when a charter `chool appeals against the Charter School's Advisory Committee? Ms. Kelly responded that in the appeal from the Charter School Advisory Committee, the Advisory Committee does not have counsel. They would not present anything at the hearing. We have had several like this and basically it is a one sided appeal.

Mrs. Maguire stated that she would be voting against this because the function of the Advisory Committee is more of a showing that the applications are complete and fulfill the intent of the law and it is not about the need or the merit of the charter school.

Chair Isaac then called for the question. The Chair called for a roll call vote. The motion failed with a vote of 3 to 11.

In Favor

1. Charles McKinney
2. Diane Sumpter
3. Ron Wilson

Total 3

1. Chair Isaac did not vote
2. Danny Varat was absent
3. Virginia Wilson was absent

There was no public comment.

Chair Isaac then called for a vote on the original motion. The motion carried.

Against

1. Rebecca Burch
2. Jessie Curtis
3. Trip DuBard
4. Mike Forrester
5. Kristin Maguire
6. Ben Mitchell
7. Patsy Pye
8. Terrye Seckinger
9. Al Simpson
10. John Tindal
11. Kristi Woodall

Total 11

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| VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS |
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56. Teacher Recruitment, Training, and Certification Items, Kristin Maguire, Facilitator

FOR APPROVAL

01. TRTC Items Overview—

Mark Bounds, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented the overview. He stated that were quite a number of items to be approved. These are relatively routine items. They come in two categories. The first one is “critical need in subject areas and geographic districts for PACE and the loan program. The second fourteen items are recommendations from the Profession Review Committee.

02. Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2007–08 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)

Falicia Harvey, PhD, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item. The first two items being presented are related to the program for Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE) and the second two items are related to the S.C. Teacher Loan Cancellation Program. The two items that related to content areas are subject areas in PACE and student loan, those items are based on data collected by the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention Advancement (CERRA). The data is collected through their supply and demand survey. Mr. David Norton administered and compiled the supply and demand survey and will be glad to answer any questions about that data.

This item relates to the designation of the critical need subject areas for the 2007–08 academic year. These are the subjects that will be recognized state-wide as critical need, so any individual that qualifies for PACE in these content areas can seek employment in any South Carolina public school district. The data is based on CERRA's annual supply and demand survey. The number beside each content area reflects the percentage of teaching positions available for the 2006–07 academic year that were vacant or filled with candidates not fully certified in that particular area. No content areas were added this year, Industrial Technology was removed.

The State Department of Education recommends approval of the subject areas for the purpose of PACE participation for the 2007–08 academic year.

Mr. John Tindal moved to approve the subject areas for the purpose of PACE for the 2007–08 academic year. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger seconded the motion.

Mrs. Seckinger asked if business education was number one last year as well. Dr. Harvey stated that it was number one. Mrs. Seckinger was concerned by this. Dr. Harvey stated that number one is because there is only one business education program in the state. Mrs. Seckinger stated that there was an alternative certification called the American Board Certification that speaks to the very issue that is being addressed.

Mr. Bounds cautioned the Board to be the gatekeeper for educators in our schools and while we would certainly like to see great business people in our schools, we need to make sure that they all have the core competencies to be successful teachers.

A board member asked if all middle school areas were included. Dr.. Harvey stated that all middle school areas were included.

There being no further questions, Mrs. Maguire called for the vote on the identification of critical need subject areas for the 2007-08 relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE) by the Department. The motion carried.

03. Identification of Critical Need Geographic Districts for 2007–08 Relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (PACE)—

Falicia Harvey, PhD, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item. She stated that this item relates to the designation of the critical need geographic districts for 2007-08 academic year for PACE. Participants who qualify for PACE in a subject area that is not on the approved critical needs subject list may seek employment in these school districts. The list reflects the fifteen districts with the highest average teacher turnover for the past three years as well as districts receiving an unsatisfactory rating on a district report card. The six districts added to the list this year that were not on the list previously, include Colleton, Dorchester Four, Florence Three, Marion Two, Marion Seven, and Orangeburg Three. There are two districts that were on the list previously that are being removed, Anderson 3 and Barnwell 19. The State Department of Education recommends the State Board of Education's approval of these districts for the purpose of PACE participation for the 2007-08 school year.

Mr. Charles McKinney moved that the identification of critical need geographic districts for 2007–08 relative to the Program of Alternative Certification for Educators (Pace) be approved. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion.

Mrs. Seckinger stated that she did not understand why Charleston County was identified as a critical needs geographic district. She recommended that Charleston be struck from the list. She would vote no to this item.

Mr. Wilson asked if foreign teachers are predominantly in these areas. Dr. Harvey stated that they were not participants in the PACE program. Mr. Wilson asked if they had identified why teachers don't want to go to these areas. Dr. Harvey stated that she did not have the data on why teachers don't want to go to these areas.

Mrs. Maguire expressed concern that a PACE teacher is someone that has content area knowledge and then is going into the classroom. Her concern is that the state is putting these teachers that need good examples and good mentoring in districts that have high turnover rates in our unsatisfactory districts. Her concern is that the state is going to burn out people that could become good teachers by putting them in a challenging environment. Mrs. Maguire thinks the Board may need to go back and look at how it designates subject areas and determine when subject areas are available to go into PACE in order to have the most

successful results. Finally, she would like to see if the numbers of PACE candidates that are being sent into these districts successfully complete the program are staying in teaching.

Mr. Tindal stated that his concern was that even with the PACE program are we still are not meeting the demands that are out in the school districts. Dr. Harvey stated that she would be glad to show how they track the participants and that the retention rate over the past three years has increased.

Mrs. Seckinger asked if they track tenure of the PACE graduates with these needy districts. Dr. Harvey stated they track them during the three years of the program.

Mrs. Seckinger asked the Chair and Chair-elect for a study session on this for the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Maguire stated that if there were no further questions, she would call for the vote on this item. The motion carried with one opposing vote from Mrs. Seckinger.

04. Identification of Critical Need Subject Areas for 2007–08 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program

Falicia Harvey, PhD, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item. She stated that this was again using the supply and demand data. A teacher in one of these subject areas would have a percentage of their loan forgiven. There are some areas that are not on the PACE list because there isn't an approved major equivalent for these. No subject areas were added: Industrial Technology was eliminated.

Mr. Mike Forrester moved to approve this item. Ms. Burch moved to second the motion.

Mrs. Maguire asked if there were questions. There being none, she called for the vote. The motion carried.

05. Designation of Geographic Critical Need Schools for 2007–08 Relative to the South Carolina Teacher Loan Cancellation Program

Falicia Harvey, PhD, Office of Educator Certification, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item. She stated that the criteria for designating a school as a geographic critical area for a loan cancellation, is that the school must have one of the following:

- (1) an absolute rating of below average or unsatisfactory,
- (2) the school must have a teacher turnover rate of the past three years as twenty percent or higher, or

- (3) the school must meet the poverty index criteria of seventy percent or higher.

There are a total of 702 schools designated as critical need schools for loan cancellation, some of these schools are in more than one category, meaning they are listed as a middle school and high school.

Approval of these schools for the South Carolina Teacher Loan cancellation program for 2007-08 was recommended by the Department.

Mr. John Tindal moved for the approval of this item. Ms. Sumpter seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposing vote by Mrs. Terrye Seckinger.

06. Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation to Approve the Teacher Education Unit at Coker College until June 30, 2011

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item. Dr. Jacques recognized members from the Commission on Higher Education. She also recognized Dr. Lonnie Craven, an education associate in the Office of Educator Preparation, who is responsible for accreditation. She recognized Dr. Mary Stepling, and Dr. Doris Layton, Columbia College; Dr. David Blackmon, Coker College; Dr. Connie Mitchell, Dr. Milton Uecker, and Dr. Ginny Cockerill, Columbia International University; and Dr. Brian Carruthers and Dr. Garry Conn, Bob Jones University.

Dr. Jacques recommended approval of the PRC's recommendation to approve the teacher education unit at Coker College until June 30, 2011.

Ms. Burch moved to approve the PRC's recommendation to approve the teacher education unit at Coker College until June 30, 2011. Mr. Tindal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

07. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation to Approve the Teacher Education Unit at Columbia International University until June 30, 2011

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended the Board accept the PRC's recommendation

Mr. Forrester moved to approve the PRC's recommendation to approve the teacher education unit at Columbia International University until June 30, 2011. Mr. Al Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

08. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation to Approve the Teacher Education Unit at Wofford until June 30, 2011

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended approval.

Mr. Forrester moved to approve the PRC's recommendation to approve the teacher education unit at Wofford until June 30, 2011. Ms. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

09. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation, Initial: First Accreditation, for the Education Unit at Erskine College for Five Years

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended approval.

Mr. McKinney moved to approve the PRC's recommendation to approve the recommendation, Initial: First Accreditation, for the education unit at Erskine College for five years. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation, Initial: Continued Accreditation; with Probation for the Education Unit at Columbia College until June 30, 2013

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended approval.

Dr. Jacques stated that we are looking at two levels in terms of programs, the initial program and the advanced. The initial program, of course, is clear. The advanced level probation would extend from July 1, 2006 until December 31, 2008. The reason being because standards one and two were not met for advanced programs, they will receive a focus visit for that advanced program and that would be required by fall 2008. The PRC wanted to ensure that it was clear even though our policy guidelines document does state that schools can't admit new candidates for the program that leads to certification. Because the advanced program does lead to certification there would be no restriction on the admitting of candidates.

Ms. Simpson moved to approve the PRC's recommendation, Initial: Continued Accreditation; with probation for the education unit a Columbia College until June 30, 2013. Mrs. Seckinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

11. **The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation, Initial and Advanced: Continued Accreditation for the Education Unit at Furman University until June 30, 2013**

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended approval.

Mr. Forrester moved for the approval of the PRC's recommendation, Initial and Advanced: Continued Accreditation for the education unit at Furman University until June 30, 2013. Ms. Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

12. **The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation, Initial: Accreditation with Conditions with Documentation, for the Education Unit at Presbyterian College through December 31, 2008**

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented the item and recommended approval.

Dr. Jacques explained that the standard for diversity was not met and the required documentation is due to the State Department of Education (SDE) and NCATE by April 7, 2007. This progress will be monitored by the Annual Report that is submitted to the SDE and NCATE.

Ms. McKinney moved for the approval of the PRC's recommendation, Initial: Accreditation with conditions with documentation, for the education unit at Presbyterian College through December 31, 2008. Ms. Seckinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

13. **The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation to Approve with Conditions the New Secondary English Program at Erskine College until December 31, 2008**

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended approval.

Mr. McKinney moved for the approval of the PRC's recommendation to approve with conditions the new Secondary English Program at Erskine College until December 31, 2008. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

14. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation to Approve with Conditions the New Secondary Chemistry Program at Erskine College until December 31, 2008

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended approval.

Mr. McKinney moved for the approval of the PRC's recommendation to approve with conditions, the new Secondary Chemistry Program at Erskine College until December 31, 2008. Ms. Seckinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

15. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation to Approve with Conditions the New Middle Level Education Program at the University of South Carolina (USC) Aiken until December 31, 2008

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended approval.

Mr. Tindal moved to approve the PRC's recommendation to approve with conditions the new Middle Level Education Program at the University of South Carolina (USC) Aiken until December 31, 2008. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

16. The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation to Deny Charleston Southern University's Request for an Extension for the Social Studies Education Preparation Program

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended approval of the recommendation to deny Charleston's Southern University's request for an extension in the social studies education preparation program with a recommendation that fully admitted students be given until the end of the spring 2008 semester to complete the program. No new students will be admitted into this program as of January 1, 2007.

Dr. Jacques stated that the State Board does require, as stated in the policy guidelines, individual program areas to be approved by the appropriate professional association within two years of the NCATE on-site visit. The last NCATE visit to the Charleston Southern University was in the spring 2002. Charleston Southern University did hire a new dean on October 1, 2005. They have submitted their new social studies report three times to the professional association, the National Council for Social Studies (NCSS). The institution failed the NCSS review three times. The program has been operating well past the two year deadline. Four students are currently in the program, but the PRC is requesting that the

four students who are currently enrolled be allowed to continue until the end of the spring semester 2008 to complete their course work. The PRC is recommending that the program be terminated effective spring 2008. There are a number of PRC members and the Board representative on the PRC is Dr. Kristi Woodall.

Mrs. Seckinger stated that she had spoken with the Dean last week and apparently there was a discrepancy with the approval of NCATE. One letter was sent from the PRC denying Charleston Southern. The letter sent from the state approved Charleston Southern. They in their review realized this mistake and called to question and exposed this discrepancy to the PRC. They knew they were not approved. After speaking with the new Dean, Dr. Lorraine Wylie, they are going to close down the program, wait a year, redefine the program and come back for approval. Mrs. Seckinger stated that she thought it shows great integrity on the part of Charleston Southern.

Ms. Seckinger moved to approve the PRC's recommendation to deny Charleston Southern University's request for an extension for the Social Studies Education Preparation Program. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

17. **The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation to Grant Coastal Carolina University's Request for an Extension for the Music Preparation Program until June 30, 2009**—Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and recommended approval.

Dr. Jacques stated that the last NCATE visit was in the spring 2004. Coastal Carolina University did meet their previous set of music education standards that were approved by the State Board. They were aware of the requirements by the state institutions to meet the standards of the national accrediting association which is in this case the National Association of Schools of Music. With the help of a new department chair, they did present compelling evidence to the PRC that they are on track to meet those national standards. The process is a very long one. It does require a year long study and then a site visit. A visit has been scheduled for November 16-19, 2008. Coastal Carolina will present information and their progress for meeting accreditation on an annual basis to the PRC.

Mrs. Seckinger moved for the approval of the PRC's recommendation to grant Coastal Carolina University's request for an extension for the Music Preparation Program until June 30, 2009. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

18. **The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Recommendation to Grant Lander University's Request for an Extension in the Spanish Education Preparation Program until June 30, 2007**

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item and requested that Lander University's request for an extension be granted in the Spanish Education Preparation Program until June 30, 2007.

Dr. Kristi Woodall moved for the approval of the PRC's recommendation to grant Lander University's request for an extension in the Spanish Education Preparation Program until June 30, 2007. Mr. McKinney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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19. **The Professional Review Committee's (PRC) Notification of the Following Programs to be Withdrawn as a Part of the Education Unit: from Limestone College in Art Education, Biology, and Social Studies; from Converse College in Emotional Disabilities**

Allison Jacques, PhD, Office of Educator Preparation, Division of Educator Quality and Leadership, presented this item for information. She stated that the following programs are to be withdrawn as a part of the education unit:: Limestone College art education, biology, and social studies. emotional disabilities would be removed from Converse College.

Dr. Jacques stated that this is done when enrollment does not warrant the program. Limestone College has said that no students are adversely affected. Converse College has also submitted a letter.

Mrs. Maguire stated that the block has been checked for approval, but this item was submitted correctly as information.

Mr. DuBard asked that since he is on the Board for Coker College, could he change his vote to abstain on item 56-06, Professional Review Committees (PRC) Recommendation to Approve the Teacher Education Unit at Coker College until June 30, 2011.

Mr. Isaac requested, after speaking with the new Chair, Mr. Tindal that the Board have a study session next month to answer questions regarding PACE. Mr. Bounds requested that we hold the study session in February. His request was granted.

Ms. Sumpter asked if the students from Baptist High School, Hollywood, South Carolina be allowed to speak. They had traffic problems and were unable to be here on time for the public hearing on R 43-274.1, At-Risk Students. Mr. Leroy Seabrook was allowed to speak on behalf of the South Carolina Rural Education Grassroots Group. He spoke on

concerns regarding the high drop out rate and the low graduation rate in our schools.

55. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Items
Kristi Woodall, Facilitator

01. Curriculum and Instructional Materials Items Overview—

Lucinda Saylor, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, gave a brief overview of the items being presented. Ms. Saylor requested that items 55-04 and 55-05 be presented first so that Ms. Stewart could attend the funeral of Mr. Charlie Dickerson. The Board agreed.

04. Adoption of Instructional Materials Report from 2006 Instructional Materials Review Panels

Kriss Stewart, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item for approval. Ms. Stewart explained that the recommendations for the 2006 adoption cycle are being submitted for State Board of Education approval. The report of citizen comments from the 2006 public review of instructional materials will be submitted to Board members as they become available from the review sites (public review dates are October 9-November 8).

Mrs. Stewart stated that the 2006 Instructional Materials Review Panels have evaluated the instructional materials bids by publishers in accordance with policies and procedures set forth in the Board regulations. A listing of the Panels' first recommendations for adopted and supplemental instructional materials with ancillary materials and a separate list of materials that were not recommended are included in this report. All recommended materials have received affirmative votes from at least two-thirds of the Panel members.

The State Department of Education recommends approval of the Instructional Materials Review Panel reports for the 2006 adoption cycle.

Ms. Rebecca Burch moved for the approval of the adoption of Instructional Materials Report from 2006 Instructional Materials Review Panels. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion.

Mrs. Maguire asked if in the report there was a section where public comment was received. Ms. Stewart stated that comments were on page 95.

Mrs. Seckinger asked Ms. Stewart if she said that ancillary materials are paid for with local state funds. Ms. Stewart explained that ancillary

materials are provided to the schools that select their program often at no cost.

Dr. Woodall asked if there were further questions. She called for the vote. The motion carried with two opposing votes by Mrs. Kristin Maguire and Mrs. Terry Seckinger.

05. Approval of Recommendation from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the 2007 Adoption Cycle

Kriss Stewart, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment presented this item for approval. She stated that the duties of the State Board of Education's Instructional Materials Advisory Committee require that recommendations be made to the Board relative to curriculum, instructional materials, and textbook needs. These recommendations submitted for Board approval include subject areas to be opened for the 2007 adoption cycle, options to renegotiate expiring contracts, prioritization of purchases should funds not be available, 2007 Instructional Materials Adoption Calendar, and revised six-year plan for adoption cycles. The Instructional Materials Advisory Committee formulated recommendations for the 2007 adoption cycle and the revised six-year plan for adoption cycles.

The State Department of Education recommends approval of the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee report of recommendations for the 2007 adoption cycle, the 2007 Instructional Materials Adoption Calendar, and the six-year plan for adoption.

Mrs. Maguire asked if we knew how far down the list money would extend. Ms. Stewart stated that in the last couple of years, it had been fully funded. Mrs. Maguire asked if it was necessary to have a full blown review panel for some of these. Ms. Stewart stated these were usually smaller committees. They come in for the orientation in June and they are allowed to evaluate there materials on their own. They send in a ballot without having to meet formally in September.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that we approve the recommendation from the Instructional Materials Advisory Committee for the 2007 adoption cycle. Mr. Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Mitchell asked what the budget was for 2005-06. Ms. Stewart stated that last year it was \$55 million, this year it will be closer to \$60 million.

Mrs. Seckinger asked if there was only one college that taught Chinese in the state. Dr. Siskind stated there are at least two universities.

02. English Language Arts Academic Standards 2007 (First Reading)

Cathy R. Jones, Education Associate, Office of Curriculum and Standards, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item for approval for first reading.

Mr. Jones explained that the *South Carolina English Language Arts Curriculum Standards 2002* have been reviewed by committees of educators including special educators, media specialists, and teachers of English language learners from across the state as well as parents, community members, and national experts. All groups made recommendations for revisions. The state writing panel has met to implement recommendations for revision from the various panels and the Mid-Continent Research for Education and Learning (MCREL) into the field review draft of the 2007 English language arts academic standards. The field review period was held from September 7 until October 29, 2006, with input from the review used as a basis for making final revisions to this document presented to the State Board for first reading approval.

The State Department of Education recommends approval by the State Board of Education for first reading.

Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved for approval of the English Language Arts Academic Standards 2007 for first reading. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion.

Chair Isaac congratulated Ms. Jones and all the people who worked on these standards for putting together a great document.

Mrs. Maguire stated that she would like to see the phrase “when appropriate” removed from the document. She wants a list of “high frequency” words, along with a list of “root” words. Finally, she had concerns about the section requiring students to use the Internet independently.

Ms. Jones stated that Mrs. Maguire’s request would be in a support document. Mrs. Maguire wanted to be on record stating that she disagreed with this; she felt that it should be a part of the document and not a support document.

Mrs. Seckinger was also concerned about the language regarding Internet use.

Mr. Tindal stated that when he saw the word “independent”, he understood that it was not without supervision.

Dr. Woodall asked if there were no more questions, she would ask for the vote. The motion carried.

03. **Academic Standards for Modern and Classical Languages (Second Reading)**

Ruta Couet, Education Associate, Office of Curriculum and Standards, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item for review and approval.

Ms. Couet stated that the State Board of Education must approve all new and revised academic standards. The State Board last adopted the Foreign Language Curriculum Standards in 1999. As part of the cyclical review process, these standards, along with those in all the core areas, must be revised. The title of the document has changed from “foreign languages” to “modern and classical languages” in order to highlight the presence of Latin as a language in our school.

The State Department of Education recommends approval by the State Board of Education of these standards for second reading.

Mrs. Maguire asked if the standards applied to AP courses. Ms. Couet stated that they did. Mrs. Maguire asked how a parent would know if the student was on track to be prepared in AP Spanish. Ms. Couet stated that they were requiring high schools to show whether their level one is covering all of the indicators. A parent or administrator would know by looking at the scope of sequence for a level one course, if the standard is being met.

Mr. John Tindal moved for the approval of the Academic Standards for Modern and Classical Language for second reading. Ms. Diane Sumpter seconded the motion. The motion carried with three opposing votes by Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Seckinger, and Mrs. Maguire.

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06. **Adoption List for Formative Assessment**

Theresa Siskind, PhD, Office of Assessment, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item for information. Dr. Siskind stated that the purpose of the report was to provide information about the process and timeline for the adoption list for formative assessments. The state academic content standards in English language arts and mathematics are scheduled for final approval in February and March. A final adoption list cannot be completed until publishers have the opportunity to align their products to the 2007 standards.

Dr. Woodall asked about the computer based computer testing laws. Dr. Siskind stated that the first part of Act 254 deals with the study of on-line testing.

Mrs. Maguire raised concerns that MAP would not qualify because it isn't delineated by grade level. Dr. Siskind stated that MAP would have to show alignment to grade level standards.

Dr. Siskind stated that once the adoption list is adopted then the district can use state money to purchase any item on the adoption list, but they do not have to purchase anything. Dr. Woodall asked if this would replace PACT. Dr. Siskind said it would not replace PACT.

Mrs. Maguire asked if any of this informative gets reported back to the state. Dr. Siskind stated that by law formative assessments are for district use.

07. Approval of 4K Waiver Requests for 2005–06 Pursuant to R 43-264.1, Half-Day Child Development Programs

Dr. Cleo Richardson, Deputy Superintendent for the Division of District and Community Services presented this item on behalf of Ms. McCants, Director, Office of Early Childhood Education, Division of District and Community Services. He stated that this item was being submitted as information. This report is to provide the State Board of Education with the 4K waiver approvals by the State Department of Education. He said that the following three school districts requested waivers to enable the district to supplement salaries of teachers and assistants in the 4K program: (1) Florence School District One, (2) Lancaster County Schools, and (3) Spartanburg School District Four.

08. The Weighting of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and Dual Credit Courses

Lucinda Saylor, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item. This information is being submitted at the request of the Board to provide additional information on the weighting of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and dual credit courses. The Board members were provided with a chart showing the different states, their grading policies, weighting summaries and Web sites.

Ms. Saylor stated that they contacted the University of South Carolina and Clemson concerning their use of the uniform grading policy with entering freshmen and reported this to the Board.

Ms. Saylor provided a chart in response to the Board's request to look at the correlation between the Advanced Placement classroom grades and Advanced Placement scores on the exam.

Mrs. Maguire presented information to the Board on behalf of Dr. Varat who was not able to attend the meeting. Dr. Varat contacted the

Greenville School District and received data regarding student classroom scores vs. test results.

Chair Isaac stated that the Board had voted two months ago to change the policy on the Uniform Grading System to give dual credit and equal weighting to AP and IB. After discussing this with Ms. Saylor, and receiving input from people in the technical field, they have come up with the following suggestions to add to what has already been done:

- Recalculations will be limited to three decimal point conversions on the grade point conversion chart contained in the Uniform Grading Policy.
- Increase quality points for dual credit courses and full credit for dual credit courses will not be figured into recalculations (this means it will not be retroactive—will start when policy goes into effect).

Chair Isaac read a statement from the Vice President of Academics at the South Carolina Technical College. "The College orientation courses offered by secondary institutions carry CP rating and do not receive honors or dual credit quality points."

Chair Isaac asked that this be placed on the agenda next month as an amendment to the Uniform Grading Policy.

Ms. Sumpter asked if this would be changing what was approved two months ago and how? Chair Isaac stated that it would be taking the orientation course out.

There was a discussion on what types of courses would count for dual credit.

Ms. Sumpter asked if this would further reduce the number of students who are getting Life, Hope, etc. Ms. Saylor stated she did have the numbers to respond to this.

54. Finance and Legislative Items
Terry Seckinger, Facilitator

FOR APPROVAL

01. F&L Items Overview

John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, presented a brief overview of these items.

02. Selection of State Textbook Depository

Mr. Cooley asked that due to the death of Mr. Charles Dickerson, Chairman and CEO of R.L. Bryan Company, this item be held over until the January 9, 2007, State Board meeting.

03. Facilities Waiver Request—Darlington County School District

Alex C. James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of School Enterprise Operations, presented this item for approval. Mr. James stated that the Darlington County School District is requesting a waiver for classroom area requirements. The district is planning on renovating Hartsville Junior High School and converting it into an elementary school. All of the existing classrooms do not meet the requirements of the *South Carolina Planning and Construction Guide* (2006), Section 303.2.1.1. A few of the classrooms exceed the required 800 square feet, but the majority are close to 700 square feet.

The Office of School Facilities recommends approval of this waiver provided the Darlington County School District places a sign in each non compliant classroom stating "No more than ____ students may occupy this classroom." The maximum occupancy capacity (number of students) will be based on the 70 square feet per teacher and 35 square feet per student per classroom.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve the facilities waiver request for Darlington County School District. Mr. Tindal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

04. Facilities Waiver Request—Laurens County School District Fifty-Five

Alex C. James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of School Enterprise Operations, presented this item for approval. He stated that a waiver is requested for Laurens County School District Fifty-Five under S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (Supp. 2005), District and School Planning, to allow occupancy of a nonconforming building to allow a variance of 40 inches for egress windowsills.

Altman Architectural Group, acting as an agent for Laurens County School District Fifty-Five, is requesting a waiver be granted for the sill height of the egress windows at the new Laurens District 55 High School. The height of the windowsills was questioned during the overhead site inspection on October 18, 2006, by the Office of School Facilities. After review of the sill height in the field and later in the contract documents, it was noted that the sections for this building showed the sill height to be 40 inches from finish floor instead of the maximum allowable sill height of 36 inches as required by the *South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide* (Section 305.4.3.7). The following information is provided by the agent supporting the request for waiver:

- The 2003 *International Building Code*, Section 1025 (Emergency Escape and Rescue) and Section 1025.3 (Maximum Height from Floor), states that emergency escape and rescue openings shall

have the bottom of the clear opening not greater than 44 inches measured from the floor.

- The students in these areas are of high school age and can easily access the egress windows at a sill height of 40 inches.
- The areas in front of the egress windows are free of any obstruction.
- Attached letter from Laurens County School District Fifty-Five acknowledges the height of the window sill and the waiver being requested by this office.

Mr. McKinney and Mrs. Maguire expressed concern over the way the Architectural Group was handling these problems.

The Office of School Facilities recommends approval of a temporary waiver for one year. Corrections or alternative compliance will need to be in place by the start of the January 2008 school session.

Mrs. Kristin made a motion to approve the waiver request for Laurens County School District Fifty Five for one year, with corrections or alternative compliance to be in place by the beginning of January 2008. Ms. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

05 Facilities Waiver Request—Richland County School District Two—

Alex C. James, Director, Office of School Facilities, Division of School Enterprise Operations, presented this item for approval. He stated that a waiver is requested under S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-261 (Supp. 2005), District and School Planning, to allow occupancy of a nonconforming building to allow a variance of 40 inches for egress windowsills.

He explained that the Altman Architectural Group, acting as an agent for Richland County School District Two, is requesting a waiver be granted for the sill height of the egress windows at the new building addition on the Dent Middle School Campus. The height of the windowsills was questioned during the overhead site inspection on October 26, 2006, by the Office of School Facilities. After review of the sill height in the field and later in the contract documents, it was noted that the sections for this building showed the sill height to be 40 inches from finish floor instead of the maximum allowable sill height of 36 inches as required by the *South Carolina School Facilities Planning and Construction Guide* (Section 305.4.3.7). The following information is provided by the agent in support of this request for waiver:

- The 2003 *International Building Code*, Section 1025 (Emergency Escape and Rescue) and Section 1025.3 (Maximum Height from Floor), states that emergency escape and rescue openings shall have the bottom of the clear opening not greater than 44 inches measured from the floor.
- The students in these areas are of middle school age and can easily access the egress windows at a sill height of 40 inches.
- The areas in front of the egress windows are free of any obstruction.

- Attached letter from Richland County School District Two acknowledges the height of the window sill and the waiver being requested by this office.

The Office of School Facilities recommends approval of a temporary waiver for one year. Corrections or alternative compliance will need to be in place by the start of the January 2008 school session.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to approve the Office of School Facilities recommendation to approve a temporary waiver for one year. Corrections or alternative compliance will need to be in place by the start of the January 2008 school session. Ms. Rebecca Burch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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06. State Board of Education Financial Statements

John Cooley, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Finance and Operations, presented this item to provide the State Board with an update on their budget. Mrs. Maguire asked what the National Conference for State Legislators Grant was. Ms. Kelly stated that it was a grant received for the Student Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.

52. Educational Policy Items Joe Isaac, Facilitator

FOR APPROVAL

01. Policy Items Overview

Dale Stuckey, Esquire, Chief Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented a brief overview of these items.

02. Recommendation of the Task Force on Alternative Evidence and Procedures to Meet Graduation Requirements

Theresa Siskind, PhD, Office of Assessment, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item for approval. Dr. Siskind explained that the purpose of the item is to seek approval of the Task Force's recommendation regarding alternative evidence to meeting graduation requirements in rare instances.

Dr. Siskind introduced the Chair of the Task Force, Dr.. Jeff Wilson, Assistant Superintendent, Anderson School District Five, who provided the Board with the recommendation of the task force.

The Task Force concluded based on the information provided that students should be required to take and pass the exit examination. Because students have numerous opportunities to take the exam, the

Task Force does not think that compelling evidence and extreme circumstances should be considered. Trying to define extreme circumstances and what would constitute compelling evidence would be extremely difficult to achieve. Therefore, the task force recommends no changes to the current statutory and regulatory requirement that students take and pass the exit examination.

The Task Force recommends that the State Board of Education approve submission of a letter to the Senate Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House stating why it is unnecessary to offer recommendations on alternative evidence and procedures to meeting graduation requirements in rare instances.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education approve the request by the Task Force for submission of a letter to the Senate Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House stating why it is unnecessary to offer recommendations on alternative evidence and procedures to meeting graduation requirements in rare instances. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion.

Mr. Wilson commended the task force on their work.

Chair Isaac asked if there were any further comments, there being none, he called for the vote. The motion carried.

03. Pilot for the Recognition of Accreditation Status of Schools by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACA CASI)

John Suber, PhD, Office of School Quality, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item for approval. He stated that currently South Carolina public schools are required to obtain accreditation of its educational program by the State Board of Education. Through the current accreditation process, schools are required to submit requested data to determine if established standards are met. At the same time, over 80 percent of South Carolina's public schools have applied for and been accredited by SACS CASI. This proposal would allow for up to 15 schools to apply for their SACS CASI accreditation to be recognized by the Department for state accreditation purposes. For the pilot schools, submission of state accreditation data would not be required. Verification of required professional certification will continue to be monitored.

Dr. Suber explained that within the current State Board of Education Regulation 43-300, Accreditation Criteria, a provision exists for state accreditation through the submission of a contract for approval of variations from the prescribed program. This contract is expected to establish performance criteria that include the following:

- a. identification of students' educational needs by local assessment,

- b. establishment of measurable objectives for improving identified educational needs,
- c. formulation of strategies or activities for achieving specific objectives, and
- d. evaluation procedures for determining success in achieving objectives.

A comparative study of state accreditation standards and SACS CASI accreditation standards has been completed. State accreditation standards not adequately addressed by the SACS CASI accreditation standards will be included in the new review process. This item is on behalf of the schools that choose to participate in this pilot.

Dr. Suber introduced Dr. Billy Floyd, the Executive Director for the South Carolina SACS CASI. Dr. Floyd provided the Board with additional information on SACS CASI and answered questions and addressed concerns from Mr. McKinney, Mrs. Maguire, and Dr. Woodall.

The State Department of Education recommends the approval of this pilot for the 2006–07 school years.

Ms. Sumpter moved to accept the State Department of Education's recommendation to approve this pilot for the Recognition of Accreditation Status of Schools by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACA CASI). Ms. Burch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested.

In Favor

- 1. Rebecca Burch
- 2. Jessie Curtis
- 3. Trip DuBard
- 4. Ben Mitchell
- 5. Patsy Pye
- 6. Diane Sumpter
- 7. John Tindal
- 8. Joe Isaac

Total 8

Against

- 1. Mike Forrester
- 2. Kristin Maguire
- 3. Charles McKinney
- 4. Terrye Seckinger
- 5. Al Simpson
- 6. Ron Wilson
- 7. Kristi Woodall

Total 7

Absent were (1) Dr. Danny Varat and (2) Ms. Virginia Wilson. Chair Isaac then voted to break the tie, the motion carried with a vote of 8 to 7.

04. Nomination of Chair–Elect by Nominating Committee

Chair Isaac thanked Ms. Burch, Mr. DuBard, and Mr. Tindal for serving on the Nominating Committee. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Tindal. Mr. Tindal stated that their nomination was Mr. Al Simpson for Chair-Elect. Chair Isaac then asked if there were any more nominations from the floor. There were none.

Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved to accept the nomination of Mr. Al Simpson as the Chair-Elect for 2007. Mr. Mitchell accepted the motion. The motion carried unanimously to elect Mr. Simpson as Chair-Elect.

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| IX. Recessed |
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The Board recessed at 3:23 p.m. They will reconvene on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

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| IX. Reconvened |
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Chair Isaac reconvened the Board meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, in the Basement conference room of the Rutledge State Office Building. He asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following State Board of Education members were in attendance: Joe Isaac, Chair; John Tindal, Chair-Elect; Ms. Rebecca Burch; Mr. Jessie R. Curtis; Mr. Fred "Trip" DuBard; Mr. Mike Forrester; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. Charles McKinney; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Mr. Al Simpson; Mrs. Terrye Seckinger; Ms. Diane Sumpter; Mr. Ron Wilson; Dr. Kristi Woodall; Dr. Danny Varat; and Mrs. Virginia Wilson. Absent was Mrs. Patsy Pye.

The following news media were present: Ms. Patrice Smith, ABC News 4, Charleston; Mr. James Evans, ABC News 4, Charleston; Mr. Walter Pendergrass, NBC News 2, Charleston; and Ms. Diette Courrage, The Post and Courier, Charleston.

VIII. State Board Items (continued)

52. Educational Policy Items (Cont'd)
Joe Isaac, Facilitator

FOR APPROVAL

01. Policy Items Overview

Shelly Bezanson Kelly, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, presented the overview for the item that was being presented as information.

FOR INFORMATION

05. Quarterly Report by Charleston County School District on Implementation of Recommendations for Improvement by Burke High School

John Suber, PhD, Office of School Quality, Division of Curriculum Services and Assessment, presented this item as information. He stated that this is the first quarterly report provided by the Charleston County School District on the implementation of the approved recommendations for improvement at Burke High School.

He stated that during the August 2006 State Board of Education (SBE) meeting, the Charleston County School District presented a plan to implement the recommendations for improvement at Burke High School. The SBE voted to accept the recommendation of the State Superintendent to furnish continuing advice and technical assistance and to have quarterly reviews throughout the year. This is the first quarterly review to be provided to the SBE.

Dr. Goodloe-Johnson introduced Mayor Joseph P. Riley, who discussed the things that Charleston was doing for Burke School District. Dr. Goodloe-Johnson introduced numerous people from Charleston who worked with Dr. Goodloe-Johnson and Principal Benton to meet the standards. She presented the following information to the Board on what was being done at Burke to meet Standard:

- E.R.T. Response—Burke High School;
- E.R.T. Response/Quarterly Benchmark Report showing changes from 2005–06 to 2006–07;
- Letter from Marion Stewart, Chairman, District 20 Board of Trustees on the progress being made at Burke High School since August 2006
- Copy of Memorandum of Understanding Between the College of Charleston (Center for Partnerships to Improve Education) and the Charleston County School District (Burke High School) 2006–08;
- Burke High School 2006–07 Organizational Chart;
- List of Burke External Partnership Chart;
- List of Education Foundation Board of Directors Fiscal Year 2007;
- Letters of support from The League of Women voters of the Charleston Area and Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce.

After listening to the information presented and hearing comments from the Board member, Ms. Tenenbaum stated that Dr. Goodloe-Johnson was to report back to the Board at their March 2007, give their final report at the June 2007 meeting, and then if they had satisfied all of the standards, present a yearly progress report.

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| IX. OTHER BUSINESS |
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There being no further business, the Board went into Executive Session.

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| X. EXECUTIVE SESSION |
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The State Board of Education held a meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2006, in the Basement Conference room of the Rutledge Office building to discuss educator cases. The following Board members were in attendance; Joe Isaac, Chair, John Tindal, Chair Elect, Ms. Rebecca Burch; Mr. Jessie R. Curtis; Mr. Trip DuBard; Mr. Mike Forrester; Mrs. Kristin Maguire; Mr. Ben Mitchell; Mr. Charles McKinney; Mr. Al Simpson; Mrs. Terrye Seckinger; Dr. Danny Varat; Mr. Ron Wilson; Ms. Virginia Wilson; and Dr. Kristi Woodall. Absent were Mrs. Patsy Pye and Ms. Diane Sumpter. Ms. Sumpter was present for the December 13, 2006, Board meeting but was unable to attend the Executive Session.

Chair-Elect Tindal brought the meeting to order and declared the Board in Executive Session.

Open Session

1. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education deny a certificate to Tonia Michon Davis. Mr. Mike Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session

Open Session

2. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education grant certification to Standrick Jammarr Rhodes. Mr. Ron Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Executive Session

Open Session

3. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education grant certification to Mr. Justus D. Serina. Mr. Al Simpson seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposing vote by Mr. Ron Wilson.

Executive Session

Open Session

4. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger moved that the State Board of Education deny certification to Mr. Andy Douglas Burk. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried with one opposing vote by Mr. Ben Mitchell.

Executive Session

Open Session

5. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the Board suspend the certificate of Daniel E. Knight, certificate 213691, for a period of two years on the condition that he come back before the Board for a character fitness review, and approve the Consent Order of Suspension, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Mike Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.
6. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the Board suspend the certificate of William B. Peterman, certificate 208180, for a period of eighteen months, and approve the Consent Order of Suspension, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Mike Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board suspend the certificate of Joan R. Breitenbruck, certificate 229067, for a period of one year, and adopt the Order of Suspension, on the grounds of breach of contract. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.
8. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board suspend the certificate of Dale E. Piercy, certificate 162378, for a period of one year, and adopt the Order of Suspension, on the grounds of breach of contract. Mrs. Terrye Seckinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the Board issue a public reprimand to William A. Versprille, certificate 230357, and adopt the Order of Public Reprimand, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Joe Isaac seconded the motion. The motion carried.
10. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board of Education revoke the certificate of Rachel L. Jones, certificate 224932, and adopt an Order of Revocation, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Mike Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.
11. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board revoke the certificate of Jeffery McMillan, certificate 215911, and adopt an Order of Revocation, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mr. Mike Forrester seconded the motion. The motion carried.
12. Mrs. Kristin Maguire moved that the State Board revoke the certificate of David M. Wolfe, certificate 223299, and adopt an Order of Revocation, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct. Mrs. Terry Seckinger seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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| XII. ADJOURNMENT |
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The Board adjourned at 1:08 p.m.